the Bureau of Police Research and Development and its units;

(b) if so, the number of posts lying vacant in various cadres, separately and since when;

(c) what are the reasons for filling up these vacancies so far;

(d) whether it is also a fact that working of the Bureau has been badly affected as a result thereof; and

(e) if so, what efforts are being made by Government to fill up these vacant posts at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Information is furnished in the Statement attached. [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure 109]

(d) It is not correct to say that the working of the BPR&D has been badly affected due to some posts remaining vacant.

(e) Necessary action is being taken for filling up vacancies in accordance with rules and procedures as quick possible.

Telephone Connections to Electronic Exchange of Delhi of Delhi Gate

3215. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of telephones that have not yet been connected to electronic exchange of 26 and 27 level in Delhi Gate Exchange, Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that this work was scheduled to be completed by March/April, 1990; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay and by when the work is now likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) While all numbers of 27 Exchange (Electro Mechanical) have been connected to Electronic Exchange, about 7340 numbers of 26 Exchange (Electro Mechanical) are yet to be converted to electronic working.

(b) and (c) This work was scheduled to be completed by 30th June, 1990. Since equipment supply has been delayed, the complete change over is now likely to be over by December 1990.

Appointments on Compassionate Grounds

3216. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received from the dependants of deceased employees for appointment on compassionate grounds, year-wise since 1984;

(b) the number of applicants provided with job year-wise since 1984;

(c) the number of applications rejected and the reasons therefor;

(d) those who have been provided with a job-period by which time they have been provided with a job from the date of their applications; and

(e) under what circumstances relaxation of time limit for application is granted, facts in details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Faulty and dead telephones in the Exchanges of Calcutta Telephones

3217. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that still large number of telephones of the subscribers of the 41, 42—46 Exchange and 45—49

Exchange of Calcutta Telephones have been remaining out of order and without any service to the subscribers;

(b) whether the number of faulty or dead telephones has termendously increased during the past one month;

(c) whether written complaints of the subscribers have not been attended to by the respective Exchange of Calcutta Telephones during the past one month;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) further action to be taken to put "RLU" systems on war footing basis and to reduce the number of dead telephones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir. A large number of faults have occurred in the areas served by these exchanges.

(b) No, Sir. There has been a reduction in the total number of faults in August as compared to the earlier month of July 1990.

(c) Complaints are received and action is initiated but there is some time lag between receipt of complaint and its disposal. This is due to large number of faults during monsoon period and delay involved in repairing the cable faults.

(d) Written complaints:

Received in July 1990	216
Attended	90

(e) An RLU of 4000 lines capacity has already been installed to partly replace '46' exchange. It is being expanded during 1990-91 to gradually replace all the old equipment.

Refusal to accept the Store Items by Hindustan Shipyard Limited from Public Sector Units

3218. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam has been discouraging various public sector units from Supplying to the company on its requirements of store-items;

(b) whether it is a fact that various public sector units stand registered with the HSL for supply of different items of stores; and

(c) if so, the details of public sector units that stand registered with the HAL as on 31st August, 1990 and the amount of purchases made by HSL from them with comparative statement of supplies taken from private enterprises for same items of stores during the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The list of Public Sector Units registered with HSL is given in Annexure I. Annexure II gives the information regarding purchases made by HSL from the registered PSUs with comparative statement of supplies taken from private enterprises for same items of stores during the last 3 years.

Statement

I. *List of Pubiic Sector Undertakings Registered with Hindustan Shipyard Limited*

1. M/s. Garden Reach Ship Builders and Engineers Ltd., Calcutta
2. M/s. Hindustan Zinc Limited, Visakhapatnam.
3. M/s. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Visakhapatnam.
4. M/s. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Visakhapatnam.
5. M/s. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation, Visakhapatanam.
6. M/s. Bharat Heavy Plate and Vessels Ltd., Visakhapatnam.
7. M/s. Steel Authority of India Limited.
8. M/s. Visakhapatnam Steel Project.